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ROADWATCH: Week of Feb. 13 - 19

The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. Work schedules are always subject to change. New information is noted by "###". VDOT encourages motorists to call 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org for real-time traffic information.

DISTRICTWIDE

*** FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIRS** – Weather permitting and if not involved with snow removal operations, crews will continue to repair damaged roads or bridges throughout VDOT's 12-county transportation district. Work will include cleaning out drainage pipes, ditch and slope repairs, debris removal and bridge inspections. Watch for flaggers that may control traffic on various flood-damaged roads.

INTERSTATE 81

* INTERSTATE 81 POTHOLE PATCHING – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in the Roanoke and New River valleys. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures during both daylight and nighttime hours in Botetourt, Roanoke, Montgomery and Pulaski counties.

* INTERSTATE 81 GUARDRAIL REPAIRS - Crews will repair guardrail at various locations along southbound I-81. Motorists should watch for traffic impacts on weeknights during nighttime hours at the following locations:

- Left lane closure and right shoulder closure at mile marker 156.1 in Botetourt County
- Left lane closure and right shoulder closure at mile marker 106 in Montgomery County

* INTERSTATE 81 TREE REMOVAL – Work to remove trees along northbound and southbound I-81 in Roanoke County may cause temporary lane closures during daylight hours. Watch for possible lane closures on weekdays between mile markers 130 and 147.

* ROUTE 623 BRIDGE OVER INTERSTATE 81 INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Tuesday, Feb. 16, the Route 623 (Overpass Road) bridge over Interstate 81 in Botetourt County will be inspected. The bridge is located north of Buchanan at I-81's mile marker 172.1. The inspection will cause lane closures beneath the bridge on northbound and southbound I-81 during nighttime hours between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

* ROUTE 608 BRIDGE OVER INTERSTATE 81 INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Tuesday, Feb. 16, the Route 608 (Kingsman Road) bridge over Interstate 81 in Botetourt County will be inspected. The bridge is located north of Buchanan at I-81's mile marker 170. The inspection will cause lane closures beneath the bridge on northbound and southbound I-81 between 7 a.m. and noon.

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* ROUTE 603 BRIDGE OVER INTERSTATE 81 INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Wednesday, Feb. 17, the Route 603 (North Fork Road) bridge over I-81 in Montgomery County will be inspected. The bridge is located at Elliston. The inspection will cause lane closures beneath the bridge on northbound and southbound I-81 during nighttime hours from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

* INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Sunday, Feb. 14, the southbound I-81 bridge over the Roanoke River in Montgomery County at mile marker 129.2 will be inspected. The inspection will cause lane closures on southbound I-81 from 7 a.m. to noon.

ROANOKE

* HERSHBERGER ROAD BRIDGE OVER INTERSTATE 581 INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Monday, Feb. 15, the Hershberger Road bridge over I-581 will be inspected. The bridge is located near the airport. The inspection will cause various lane closures beneath the bridge on southbound I-581 during nighttime hours between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

* ELM AVENUE BRIDGE OVER INTERSTATE 581 INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Thursday, Feb. 18, the Elm Avenue bridge over I-581 will be inspected. The bridge is located near Vinton at mile marker 6. The inspection will cause various lane closures beneath the bridge on northbound and southbound I-581 during nighttime hours from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

ROANOKE COUNTY

*** ROUTE 11/460 SHOULDER REPAIRS** – Work to repair shoulders along Route 11/460 (West Main Street) between Salem and the Montgomery County line may cause shoulder and lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

*** ROUTE 220 CURB AND SHOULDER REPAIR** – Work is underway on shoulders along northbound Route 220 between Route 674 (Clearbrook Lane) and Route 789 (Old Rocky Mount Road). Shoulder closures may be in place during daylight hours between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*** ROUTE 221 BRUSH CUTTING** – Periodic lane closures will be in place on Route 221 in southwest Roanoke County near Route 688 (Cotton Hill Road). Crews will be cutting trees in this area for upcoming utility work. Weather permitting, crews will be cutting brush until mid-February. During this time, motorists should watch for lane closures and flaggers directing traffic on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*** ROUTE 221 SHOULDER REPAIRS** – Work to repair shoulders along Route 221 at the corner of Colonial Avenue may cause shoulder and lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

* BRIDGE INSPECTION OVER ROUTE 419 – Weather permitting, on Sunday, Feb. 14, the railroad bridge over Route 419 will be inspected. The bridge is located near Cave Spring. The inspection will cause various lane closures beneath the bridge on northbound and southbound Route 419 from 7 a.m. to noon.

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* **ROUTE 460 TURN LANE INSTALLATION** – Crews will be working to install turn lanes at the intersection of Route 460 (Challenger Drive) and Route 610 (West Ruritan Road)/ Route 1442 (Valley Drive). Drivers should watch for periodic lane and shoulder closures on eastbound and westbound Route 460 on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is underway to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Periodic lane closures may be in place at times in the work zone. Estimated completion is August 2010.

* **ROUTE 623 SHOULDER CLOSURE** – Weather permitting, the shoulder will be closed along Route 623 (Dent Road) between Airport Road and Route 822 (Pendleton Avenue) during daylight hours between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

* **UTILITY WORK (VARIOUS ROADS)** – Weather permitting, utility work will cause lane closures at locations on Route 1315 (Bridle Lane), Route 1673 (Sunnyside Drive) and Route 613 (Merriman Road). Work may impact traffic during daylight hours on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

* **ROUTE 1034 CUL-DE-SAC INSTALLATION** - Weather permitting, crews will be installing a cul-de-sac at the end of Route 1034 (Chest Mountain Road). Drivers should watch for crews working in the right of way.

BEDFORD COUNTY

* **ROUTE 460 BRUSH CUTTING** – Work to cut brush along Route 460 between Thaxton and the Botetourt County line may cause mobile lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for slow moving traffic.

* **ROUTE 460 SHOULDER REPAIRS** – Shoulder repairs along eastbound Route 460 will cause shoulder and possible lane closures just east of Route 910. Work will be performed during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **ROUTE 460 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Friday, Feb. 19, the westbound Route 460 bridge over Goose Creek will be inspected. The bridge is located near Montvale. Expect lane closures on westbound Route 460 between 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

* **ROUTE 24 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Friday, Feb. 19, the Route 24 bridge over Buffalo Creek will be inspected. The bridge is located at the Campbell County line. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic on Route 24 between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

* **BRUSH CUTTING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews will cut brush along various routes. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays on Route 805 in the Smith Mountain Lake area.

* **ROUTE 610 PIPE REPAIR** – Weather permitting, flaggers may direct traffic on Route 610 in the Big Island area during daylight hours on weekdays due to a cross pipe repair. In addition, work on cross pipes in the Lake Vista subdivision may also cause short term lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

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* **ROUTE 122 DITCH WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will be performing ditch work on Route 122 between Route 501 and Route 637. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic or lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **REMOVE ROUTE 221 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Work is completed.

BOTETOURT COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 SHOULDER REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will be making shoulder repairs along Route 220 (Roanoke Road at the entrance to Orchard Market Place. Drivers should watch for shoulder closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

CARROLL COUNTY

* **INTERSTATE 77 POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews will be patching potholes on I-77. Mobile lane closures may be in place during both daytime and nighttime hours. Drivers should use caution and expect possible delays.

* **ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BRIDGE WORK** – As part of the current Hillsville Bypass construction project, a change in traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 in Hillsville. The eastbound Route 58 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek is closed for reconstruction. The bridge is located near Gardner Mill Road between the west limits of Hillsville and Interstate 77. The bridge is being widened, and the riding surface replaced. Route 58 traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted into the westbound lanes for about 0.8 mile, and the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph.

* **ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner's Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns around the Route 58 and Gardner's Mill Road intersection. The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.7 mile west of Gardner's Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 (Danville Pike) west of Hillsville between Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is reduced to 45 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 on the east end of the project is reduced to 35 mph from just west of Route 699 (Spring Hollow Road) to Route 666 (Merrimack Road). Drivers should expect possible delays.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

* **ROUTE 40 & ROUTE 116 SLOPE REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will be repairing slopes along Route 40 (Franklin Street) and Route 116 (Jubal Early Highway). Drivers should watch for lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours. Work will be performed on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

* **ROUTE 122 SHOULDER MAINTENANCE** – Weather permitting, crews will be working on shoulders along Route 122 (Booker T Washington Highway). Work will be performed on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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* **BRUSH CUTTING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Crews will be cutting brush on various routes on weekdays during daylight hours. Motorists should watch for periodic lane and shoulder closures on the following routes:

- Route 671 (Golden View Road)
- Route 655 (Webster Road)
- Route 666 (Merriman Road)
- Route 702 (Farmview Road)
- Route 704 (Greenway Road)

* **DITCHING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Crews will be working on ditches or shoulders on various routes on weekdays during daylight hours. Motorists should watch for periodic lane and shoulder closures between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Route 684 (Boones Mill Road).

HENRY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. This week, flagging operations will be utilized on Route 57 adjacent to the old bridge on either side of the railroad tracks. Estimated completion is November 2010.

* **ROUTE 220 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Thursday, Feb. 18, the northbound Route 220 bridge over Marrowbone Creek will be inspected. The bridge is located near Ridgeway. Lane closures will be in place on northbound Route 220 between 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

* **ROUTE 220 BUSINESS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work to replace the Route 220 Business bridge over the railroad tracks is underway. The bridge is located near the Route 87 intersection in Ridgeway. Route 220 Business is closed from Route 639 to Mica Road. In addition, Route 639 beneath the bridge will be closed daily as needed during daylight hours and reopened by 5:30 p.m. each evening. Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure. Drivers should also watch for flaggers on Route 682 at its intersection with Route 701.

* **ROUTE 695 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Thursday, Feb. 18, two bridges on Route 695 (George Taylor Road) will be inspected. Both bridges are located near the North Carolina line. One crosses the North Mayo River, and the other crosses the South Mayo River. Flaggers will control traffic on the North Mayo River bridge from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the South Mayo River bridge from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

* **ROUTE 629 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Friday, Feb. 19, the Route 629 (Moores Mill Road) bridge over the North Mayo River will be inspected. The bridge is located near the North Carolina line. Flaggers will control traffic on the bridge from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY

* ROUTE 460 BYPASS LIGHTING REPAIR – During nighttime hours, crews will work on lights above the Route 460 Bypass. Drivers should expect possible nighttime lane closures on weeknights on eastbound and westbound Route 460 Bypass.

*** ROUTE 114 WIDENING** – Work continues to widen a section of Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) in Christiansburg. The section of Route 114 extends between Stafford Street and Chrisman Mill Road near New River Valley Mall. Work will include widening Route 114 from two lanes to five, with two through lanes in each direction and a center turn lane. Shoulder closures are in place. Flaggers may direct traffic during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns in this work zone.

PATRICK COUNTY

*** ROUTE 8 CONNECTOR / RYE COVE STREET CLOSURE** – As part of the Route 8 connector construction, a section of Rye Cove Street will be reconfigured and will no longer be a through road. Rye Cove Street (T-1006) between Buena Vista Avenue and Rucker Street in Stuart is permanently closed to through traffic.

* ROUTE 698 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – Starting on Monday, Feb. 22, a portion of Route 698 (Shepherd Mill Road) in Patrick County will be closed to through traffic. Route 698 will be closed at its intersection with Route 631 (Virginia-NC Road), so the bridge over Crooked Creek can be replaced. Signs will be in place to detour traffic around the closure onto Route 699 (Hughes Brown Road). Work is expected to be completed, and Route 698 reopened to traffic by Monday, March 8.

*** ROUTE 613 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** –Route 613 (North Fork Road) is closed at its intersection with Route 620 (Apple Tree Drive). Weather permitting, crews will be replacing the Route 613 bridge over the North Fork of the Smith River. Route 613 is expected to be closed to through traffic through Monday, Feb. 15. During this time, signs will be in place directing traffic to use Route 620.

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